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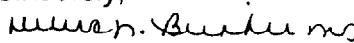
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing re docket number 98P-0151/CP1. Please grant this petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain. There is an obvious risk of bacterial contamination. Food borne illness is already a problem in the food supply of this country. Also, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE, linked to CJD.

It is not possible to move animals who are downed humanely. All animals deserve to be treated without cruelty, which is rampant at slaughterhouses. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals provides an economic incentive for more humane treatment of animals.

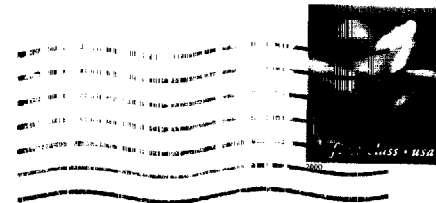
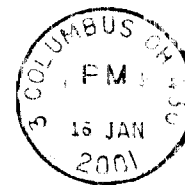
Now is the time to address this problem. Americans would likely be horrified if they looked at the facts and saw some of the actual sources of the meat they serve their families, and at what cost to the animal.

Sincerely,

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